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In re Patent Application of: Helmut D. LINK et al.

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For: CERVICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS INCLUDING ANTI-DISLOCATION DEVICE AND

INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF (AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Refund Section, Accounting Division Office of Finance

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$300.00 for filing fees. Applicants were charged an additional \$500.00 because filing fees were calculated based on the original set of claims (58 claims). Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on December 4, 2006, but incorrectly calculated 48 total claims for a charge of \$1,400.00. The Preliminary Amendment eliminated the improper claims and Applicants should have been charged for 52 claims, a total of \$1,600.00.

The Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider the above facts and determine if a refund is appropriate. Please credit same to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 246472010200.

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Respectfully submitted,

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